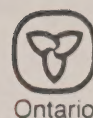


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A Ministry of Colleges and Universities discussion paper on polytechnic education released today states that the existing post-secondary system is sufficiently polytechnic in its breadth of programming to meet Ontario's manpower needs.

The paper states that there are some areas of shortage and some of oversupply of graduates from both the colleges of applied arts and technology and the universities. Most current shortages are in the trades and skilled worker categories whose educational requirements have traditionally not been dealt with by polytechnic institutes. In the professional and semi-professional areas, shortages exist in the fields of engineering, accounting, business and computer-related studies however the paper states that these needs can be met by the existing post-secondary systems.

The paper asks if there is need for better coordination in program planning between the colleges, the universities and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Colleges and Universities Minister Bette Stephenson said that the paper is not a statement of government policy but is intended to stimulate discussion on the question of polytechnic education. Dr. Stephenson said that the paper has been sent to officials of Ontario's post-secondary institutions and other interested groups for discussion and comment.

